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## **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX AF Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant's attorney requests that the date for responding to the Office Action dated May 14, 2001 be extended two months to and including July 16, 2001.

The Applicant qualifies as a small entity. The statutory fee of \$195.00 for a small entity for this request is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any deficiency or apply any overpayment credit to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

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